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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's  
Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, on 4 December 1952

Acting Deputy Director (Intelligence)  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Mr. Robert Amory, Jr.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence  
Department of State  
Brigadier General John M. Willems, acting for Assistant Chief  
of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Department of the Navy  
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,  
Headquarters, United States Air Force  
Dr. Walter F. Colby, Director of Intelligence, Atomic  
Energy Commission  
Brigadier General Edward H. Porter, Deputy Director for  
Intelligence, The Joint Staff  
Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, acting for Assistant to the Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency  
Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell, Central Intelligence Agency  
[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency  
Mr. Ludwell L. Montague, Central Intelligence Agency  
[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency  
[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency  
Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State  
Mr. Miron Burgin, Department of State  
Lieutenant Colonel T. C. Anderson, Department of the Army  
Lieutenant Colonel Edgar H. Thomson, Jr., Department of the Army  
Colonel John J. Morrow, United States Air Force  
Colonel Jack E. Thomas, United States Air Force  
Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Grant, United States Air Force  
Colonel S. M. Lansing, The Joint Staff  
Captain John A. Holbrook, USN, The Joint Staff

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Acting Secretary

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the last meeting, 1 December 1952 (IAC-M-89), were approved.

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America Affecting U. S. Security  
(NIE-70)

2. Action: Approved with minor modifications.

Unidentified Flying Objects

3. Action: The Director of Central Intelligence will:
  - a. Enlist the services of selected scientists to review and appraise the available evidence in the light of pertinent scientific theories.
  - b. Draft and circulate to the IAC a proposed NSCID, which would signify IAC concern in the subject and authorize coordination with appropriate non-IAC departments and agencies.
4. Discussion: The acting Chairman, Mr. Amory, presented to the committee the DCI's request that this subject be informally discussed. Dr. Chadwell briefly reviewed the evidence and peripheral considerations, and noted that most of the available evidence is processed by ATIC. General Samford offered his full cooperation. It was recognized that the problem is best approached if directly related to specific problems of intelligence and defense. It was thought desirable that the action noted above under "a" be undertaken immediately, with consideration of a proposed NSCID to depend in some measure on the results achieved by the scientists' studies.

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